

Date of Hearing: August 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 190 (Cabaldon) – As Introduced June 17, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Larry Itliong Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims October 25, 2026, as Larry Itliong Day in California; and, encourages all public schools and educational institutions to conduct exercises remembering his life, recognizing his accomplishments, and familiarizing pupils with the contributions he made to California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Activist and union organizer Modesto “Larry” Dulay Itliong was a prominent figure in the farmworkers movement, described as “one of the fathers of the West Coast labor movement.”
- 2) After immigrating to the United States in 1929, when he was 15 years old, Itliong began his work as a labor organizer in the State of Alaska, where he organized cannery and agricultural unions, and would later organize workers in the State of Washington, California, Montana, and South Dakota.
- 3) Itliong took part in his first strike in 1930 and, that same year, cofounded the Alaska Canneries Workers Union, which later became Local 7 of the United Cannery, Agricultural, and Packinghouse Workers of America. His efforts with the union fought for a contract that offered workers an eight-hour workday with overtime. He also took part with 1,500 farmworkers in a walkout of the lettuce fields near Monroe, Washington. By 1933, he organized farmworkers in the Salinas Valley.
- 4) These were among many strikes that were part of a growing movement in Filipino farmworker organizing during the 1930s, and Itliong emerged as a leader in the Filipino American community of “Manongs,” respected elder workers who were crucial in shaping the labor movement.
- 5) On September 8, 1965, Filipino American agricultural labor leaders, including Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz, organized more than 1,500 farmworkers from Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) in the Delano Grape Strike of 1965, in partnership with Mexican American labor leaders of the National Farm Workers Association, sparking one of the greatest social, economic, and racial justice movements in the history of California and the United States and leading to the establishment of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW).
- 6) The Delano boycott was incredibly successful, gained attention for some of the nation’s most forgotten laborers, and won real gains for the workers around wages and working conditions.
- 7) The contributions of Larry Itliong and the farmworkers, who were vital in pushing for farmworkers’ rights in California, deserve proper recognition for their accomplishments and for paving the path for the betterment of the millions of workers.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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